GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DERAILED RAILWAY PROJECTS IN RURAL AND BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have admitted that there are about 80 railway projects worth over Rs.20,000 crores lying derailed as these projects are mostly in the rural and backward areas and thus are not commercially viable;

(b) if so, whether the Government is seriously considering now as a socio-economic consideration to undertake all these projects under priority list in future; and

(c) if so, the time by which the final decision in allotting the funds for completing these projects is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a)to(c): A Statement is attached.